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Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief	Application No. 10/502,332	Applicant(s) MALISSEN ET AL.	
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THE REPLY FILED 20 June 2007 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 4 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
(a) ☒ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
(b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
(c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
(d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: See Continuation Sheet. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
7. ☒ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☒ will not be entered, or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
Claim(s) allowed: _____.
Claim(s) objected to: _____.
Claim(s) rejected: 35,37,41-44,46,47 and 57-61.
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: 38,48-56 and 62-64.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☒ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
See Continuation Sheet.
12. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____.
13. ☐ Other: _____.

/Thaian N. Ton/
Primary Examiner
Art Unit 1632

Continuation of 3. NOTE: The proposed amendments will not be entered because they raise new issues with regard to further search and/or consideration. In particular, amendments to claim 35 (and its dependent claims) raise issues of potential new matter; amendments to claim 57 (and its dependent claims) would require a potential new search and consideration, with regard to residues that prevent the association with the SH2 domain of proteins.

Continuation of 11. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: MPEP 714.13 states that Applicants cannot, as a matter of right, amend any finally rejected claims, except when an amendment merely cancels claims, adopts examiner suggestions, removes issues for appeal, or in some way requires only cursory review by the examiner.

Preliminarily, because the claim amendments have not been entered, the rejections of record are maintained. The Examiner addresses Applicants' arguments and remarks only as they pertain to the prior rejections of record, advanced in the Final Office action, mailed 2/20/07.

The prior rejection of claims 35, 37, 41-44, 46, 47, 57-61 for enablement, is maintained. The enabled scope of the claimed invention is set forth in the prior Office action, page 3. Applicants argue that they provide three particular examples of mutation which affect the tyrosine at position 136 of the wild-type mouse LAT protein sequence, and are able to prevent the association of LAT with SH2 domain proteins. Particularly, Applicants argue that the specification teaches Y-F, Y-D or Y-E mutations, and that these mutations are easily used by the person of ordinary skill in the art to predict the phenotype of a mouse comprising a distinct mutation of the tyrosine at position 136, without undue experimentation. See pages 9-10 of the Response. These arguments are considered, but are not persuasive for reasons advanced on pages 7-8, bridging of the prior Office action. Applicants' present a Declaration from the inventor with regard to a mouse carrying a null allele (see p. 10, 2nd). The Declaration has not been considered, see above.

The prior rejection of claims 35, 37, 41-44, 46, 47, 57-61, for written description is maintained, because Applicants' amendments have not been entered.

The prior rejection of claims 35, 37, 41-44, 47, 58-61, for indefiniteness, is maintained, because Applicants' amendments have not been entered.

The prior rejection of claims 47, 57-61, as being anticipated by Sommers et al. is maintained, because Applicants' amendments have not been entered.